

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Takuji Matsuura  
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**Commissioner for Patents**

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.312

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated 8/24/2006, please amend the instant application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the attached amended paragraph 0018 of the specification for the corresponding paragraph on file.